

Permitting and Assistance Branch Staff Report
Renewed Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit for New Pride Corporation
TPID No. 1103824
April 10, 2015

Background Information and Analysis:

This report was developed in response to a Renewal Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit (WTFP) application received from the operator of New Pride Corporation, located at 2757 East Del Amo Boulevard, in the City of Rancho Dominguez (Los Angeles County). New Pride Corporation operates on 3.4 acres with an existing 60,000 square foot tire retreading plant located within a Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) zone. Tires will be stored indoors and outdoors. There are no changes to the existing permit except for the creation of a more specific site plan and rearranging some casing storage from north of the property to the east side of the property.

An application for a Minor WTFP was received by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff on October 2, 2014 and accepted as complete on October 30, 2014. The application was submitted prior to waste tire facility permitting regulation revisions became effective on October 29, 2014, so Permitting and Assistance Branch staff processed the application pursuant to the regulations in effect at the time the application was received. Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Section 18425, CalRecycle had 180 calendar days from the date the application is accepted as complete to either issue or deny the issuance of a Minor WTFP. CalRecycle is required to act by April 28, 2015.

Findings:

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the proposed WTFP. All of the required submittals and findings required by 14 CCR Section 18431 have been met to support issuance. The findings that are required to be made by CalRecycle when reaching a determination are summarized in the table below. The documents on which staff's findings are based are permanently maintained by the Waste Permitting, Compliance, and Mitigation Division.

The following table summarizes staff's findings relative to the permit application:

	Findings	
Compliance with Tire Storage Standards, 14 CCR Sections 17350-17356	Staff of the Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch (WEEB), conducted an inspection of the facility on March 24, 2015 and no violations were cited. See Compliance History below for details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Application Forms (500-503) - 14 CCR Sections 18431(a),(b), (c), and (d)	All application forms were accepted by Permitting & Assistance Branch (PAB) staff as complete on October 30, 2014.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Local Requirements 14 CCR Section 18431(h)	<i>Local Vector Control:</i> The operator obtained vector control authority approval from Mark Daniel, Director of Operations of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District on May 28, 2014.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable

	<i>Local Fire Authority:</i> The Los Angeles County Fire Department (Mr. Kevin Ballton, Inspector) approved the fire prevention measures for both indoor and outdoor tire storage on October 30, 2014.	
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	PAB staff determined that the issuance of the Minor WTFP is categorically exempt for the requirements of CEQA. See additional CEQA information below in the Environmental Analysis section.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Reviewed by: CalRecycle Legal Office	April 10, 2015	
Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch	March 6, 2015	

Compliance History:

On March 24, 2015, staff of the WEEB conducted an inspection of the facility, and found the facility to be in compliance with the applicable Waste Tire Storage Standards.

Below are the details of the facility's compliance history based on WEEB's and Tire Enforcement Agency's (TEA) inspection reports during the last five years:

- 2015 – No violations were noted
- 2014 (October) – One violation of PRC 42850 – Complies with Terms of Permit and 14 CCR 17354 – Storage of Waste Tires Outdoors
- 2013 – No violations were noted
- 2012 (December) – Violation of 14 CCR 17354 – Storage of Waste Tires Outdoors
- 2010 to 2011 – No violations were noted

All the violations were corrected.

Environmental Analysis:

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CalRecycle must consider, and avoid or substantially lessen where possible, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Minor WTFP before CalRecycle issues that permit. In this case, CalRecycle is a lead agency under CEQA and must make a determination as to whether this proposed WTFP is categorically or statutorily exempt or additional CEQA analysis is necessary in the form of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

The proposed renewal of the WTFP is considered to be a project under CEQA [CEQA Guidelines 15378(a)(3)], and the facility is required to obtain a WTFP pursuant to 14 CCR Section 18420, for the storage of up to 4,999 waste tires.

The renewal of the existing Minor WTFP is supported by previously completed CEQA documentation (Negative Declaration, SCH No. 1999111048). CalRecycle, acting as Lead Agency, circulated a Negative Declaration (ND) for a 30 day review period from November 9, 1999 through December 8, 1999. CalRecycle approved the project on March 10, 2000, and filed

a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the State Clearinghouse (SCH). CalRecycle staff has reviewed the proposed changes to the existing facility associated with permit renewal, which consist of moving some casing storage from the north side of the property to the east side of the property, and determined that the existing ND provides adequate analysis for CalRecycle's approval of the proposed renewal of the existing Minor WTFP. Staff review indicates that the proposed project:

- Involves the operation of an existing facility within the permitted land use;
- Involves no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of permit issuance;
- Does not allow relaxation of standards leading to environmental degradation;
- Would have no significant environmental impacts; and
- There are no additional cumulative environmental impacts.

Based on the findings above, CalRecycle staff made the determination that the existing ND (SCH No. 1999111048) adequately analyzes the proposed project and is appropriate for CalRecycle's issuance of this proposed Minor WTFP.

Staff recommends that CalRecycle, acting as a lead agency under CEQA, prepare a NOD to be filed with the SCH after CalRecycle's issuance of the Minor WTFP, in that the proposed permit is to be issued to an existing facility that will not significantly change its operations from what currently exists. Further, there are no grounds under CEQA for CalRecycle to prepare any additional environmental documents.

Staff further recommends the 1999 ND and associated Initial Study are adequate for the Branch Chief's environmental evaluation of the proposed project for those project activities which are within CalRecycle's expertise and authority, or which are required to be carried out or approved by CalRecycle.

The administrative record for the decision to be made by CalRecycle includes the proposed Minor WTFP and all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Notice of Determination and other documents and material utilized by CalRecycle in reaching its decision on issuing this permit. The custodian of CalRecycle's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

Public Comment

Department staff provided an opportunity for public comment during CalRecycle's Monthly Public Meetings on November 18, 2014; December 16, 2014; January 27, 2015; February 17, 2015; and March 17, 2015. No public comments have been received by CalRecycle staff.

Attachment: Minor WTFP